

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Feb. ‘21**

Dear Strathmere Lodge residents, family members, friends/responsible parties:

1. **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Update - Visiting**



As at the time of writing this newsletter, the province is still in “Lockdown”, but some visiting is still permissible. Specifically, each resident is permitted two (2) visitors maximum (these visitors are referred to by the province as “Essential Caregivers”). These 2 visitors must remain the same 2 individuals, and as approved/designated by the resident/family and The Lodge.

Such visitors noted above will be asked to demonstrate (e.g., via mobile phone or print out) that they have received a negative COVID-19 test result within seven (7) days of a visit to The Lodge.

Please contact The Lodge with any questions regarding Visiting.

1. **COVID-19 Vaccination**



On Thursday, January 14th, residents (with consent) received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. We await Middlesex-London Health Unit word as to the date when the second dose will be administered.

Currently, long term care home staff are being directed to London to receive their vaccine. We are the process of sending Lodge staff to London.

The provincial vaccine plan also includes vaccinating “Essential Caregivers” (referred to above), but thus far, the Middlesex-London Health Unit advises that there is not enough vaccine supply to address this initiative. We will keep Essential Caregivers apprised when we learn more.

1. **Annual Income Tax Receipt**



In this month’s newsletter mailing, you will find enclosed your annual tax receipt for the purpose of filing resident income taxes.

The receipt shows the annual co-payment charges for the 2020 calendar year that each resident pays as per provincially established rates.

Questions on this may be directed to Augustine Caines, Office Supervisor (519-245-2520, ext. 6246, or via email at: acaines@middlesex.ca).

1. **Labelling of Residents’ Clothing**



Recently, and throughout the holiday season, we have experienced an inordinate amount of clothing (and other personal effects like shoes/slippers, blankets/throws) passing through our laundering process without first being labelled with a resident’s name. When such occurs, it becomes difficult to trace items back to their rightful owner (and in a lot of instances, we end up with unclaimed items).

This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident’s name before a resident begins to wear it (this also includes items such as shoes/slippers and personal blankets/throws). Please ensure that you use the Clothing Bin at the main entrance to deposit clothing requiring labelling, after inventorying the clothing items on the form provided at the bin (instructions are provided at the clothing bin).

For inquiries regarding missing clothing and the like, please contact John Fournier, Environmental Services Manager (519-245-2520, ext. 6244, or via email at: jfournier@middlesex.ca):

1. **In Conclusion ….**



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact me at 519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or via email at: bkerwin@middlesex.ca).

Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends, or direct them to our [web page](http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care): <http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>

Electronic back copies of our newsletter can be found on our web page. Hard copies are compiled in binders at both our Reception desk and the staff lounge, and are available for your review.

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**Brent Kerwin,**

Administrator

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